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SITUATION INFORMATION REPORT

In the June 1969 edition of Ramparts, Kathleen Cleaver writes about her husband, Eldridge and his misfortune. Briefly summarized Eldridge, after serving many years in various California prisons, was paroled in December 1966 and shortly thereafter affiliated himself with much in contemporary society considered evil and destructive (Ramparts Magazine, Black Panther Party, and Peace & Freedom Party, becoming their presidential candidate in August 1968 beating out Dick Gregory and Dr. Spock). Principally because of his Black Panther activities, culminating in the 28th Street shoot-out with Oakland police on 6 April 1968 in which a confederate was killed (Bobby Hutton), Cleaver's parole was revoked and on September 27, 1968, he was ordered by the court to deliver himself, in sixty days to the California Adult Authority to serve the remaining four years of his original sentence. Two days before delivery date Cleaver disappeared and is now allegedly living in Havana.



In the Ramparts article, Kathleen Cleaver, a societally hostile, though well-educated and intelligent woman, who was the SNCC program secretary at Fisk University, Nashville, when she first met Eldridge in March 1967, most eloquently expresses her (and quite likely her husband's) hatred for white America (termed "Babylon" by Eldridge in his book "Soul on Ice" written in California prisons) in the following scorchingly graphic fashion:

"Eldridge Cleaver died in that house on 28th Street with little Bobby, and what's left is force: fuel for the fire that will rage across the face of this racist country and either purge it of its evil or turn it into ashes. I say this for little Bobby, for Eldridge Cleaver who died that night, for every black man, woman, and child who ever died here in Babylon, I say it to racist America, that if every voice is silenced by your guns, by your courts, by your gas chambers, by your money, you will know, that as long as the ghost of Eldridge Cleaver is afoot, you have an enemy in your midst."

A confidential source of information who has furnished reliable information in the past has recently provided the following (highly questionable) information. Roy Wilkins, Executive Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, recently was in contact with Bobby Seale, Chairman of the Black Panther Party, and indicated a desire to hold private exploratory conferences with militant groups, particularly with the Black Panther Party. Wilkins indicated that the purpose of the meetings would be to explore areas of possible agreement in an effort to reach some common ground and to arrive at some sort of strategy that will be effective even if used in only a few areas. Seale reportedly is only willing to confer with Wilkins at a public meeting.

The National Socialist White Peoples Party (formerly Commander Rockwell's American Nazi Party) has been stink bombing Washington movie houses. These odious (as well as odoriferous) attacks have been precipitated by films that the Nazis find objectionable. One such film, "The Lost Man" presently screening at the Warner Theater features an interracial love scene between Sidney Poitier and the white female lead. Last May the Warner Theater was also the target of a stink bombing when it presented the movie "Slave" also with interracial overtones. "Uncle Tom's Cabin" playing at Keiths Theater has experienced like treatment and the Playhouse presentation of "Che" has been interrupted three times in the past two and a half weeks with smelly incendiaries. Nazi literature has been found and one Party member has been arrested (at Warners on 30 May).



Walter Reuther, perennial United Automobile Workers president, has climbed upon the placatory bandwagon and has just issued the most overused cliché of the decade. From his Detroit office, Reuther told the press this week: "I think the present younger generation is the best that ever came down the pike." By so uttering, Reuther joins the bulk of prominent Americans who have been so quoted in the past year.

There are three main factors of contemporary disaffection says the labor leader and interestingly, these factors as Reuther sees them are identical with the constantly parroted complaints the movement lodges against the establishment. As stated by the young radical, these factors are: 1. generation gap and hypocrisy of the establishment; 2. relevancy; and, 3. de-humanization. Mr. Reuther states them thusly: 1. There is a large gap of hypocrisy in our present mass culture that has left youth alienated from a sense of human community. 2. Society has been unable to translate its rapidly expanding technology into human terms and make it serve human needs, and 3. Things are in the saddle and things are getting bigger. Meanwhile, man is getting smaller and smaller.

Al Capp, vocal creator of the Lil Abner comic strip who has often publicly criticized radical student activism in recent weeks would undoubtedly rebut Reuther by asking: If all the kids are so good, who's tearing down the university?

The two internecine SDS factions met this week at New York University and predictably, the proverbial sparks flew (and rocks and chairs and fists). Two hundred members of the New York City-Long Island SDS-NO faction tried to hold a closed meeting at the New York University student center and one hundred SDS-PLers tried to enter the closed meeting. A melee ensued with fists and chairs flying, several glass doors were smashed and a fire hose finally dampening down the unhealthy interosculation. The police who arrived after the trouble was over made no arrests. The NO security force, which the New York Times credited with the fire hose high jinks held the day by driving off the battered Maoist faction. Two persons required hospital treatment.

National Office spokeswoman Karen Ashley, who identified herself as a regional SDS representative said that the meeting had been called to consider summer projects and future demonstrations and to discuss the organizational split that occurred last month at Chicago.

This SDS happening at New York University is believed noteworthy because it is the first of what will probably be a long and possibly, at times, bloody series of confrontations in store for the American campus during the approaching school year. It is quite likely that the character of forthcoming SDS trouble will be more egocentric than targeted against the external establishment. The excitability and irascibility of the campus radical can be expected to turn divergent SDS philosophy into bitter physical conflict as the PL and NO confraternity fight it out on the campus green.

TELL IT LIKE IT IS by Dunagin



"THOSE STUDENTS YOU HIRED FOR THE SUMMER HAVE TAKEN OVER THE PERSONNEL OFFICE, AND HAVE DECIDED TO LET YOU GO."

CALENDAR OF TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Asterisked items are either reported for a first time or contain additions or changes to previously reported activities.

July 4-20

The Stockholm Conference on Vietnam, an international anti-Vietnam War group, sponsored an Emergency Action Conference in Stockholm on May 16-18, 1969. This latter Conference drafted a report which called for the following actions: (1) Collection of signatures of prominent figures, both nationally and internationally, with publication of the names in U. S. newspapers; (2) National and international demonstrations with the special demands of the Vietnam movement in each country. Suggested actions for these demonstrations were vigils outside U. S. embassies during which the names of American servicemen killed in Vietnam would be read. (3) The boycott and harassment of U. S. products and firms providing goods and services for the War in Vietnam; (4) The increased international support of resistance in America and by Americans abroad in refusing the draft, in defecting from the U. S. Armed Forces and for carrying on propaganda within the Armed Services; (5) Increased support for the ten-point program of the National Liberation Front and exposure of the "weaknesses" of President Nixon's eight-point program. These actions would be planned in such a way as to build up to an anniversary celebration of the Geneva Accords to be held July 20.

July 12

*Baltimore, Maryland - Members of the Baltimore Defense Committee, the White Panther Party and the SDS are planning a counter-demonstration during a National States Rights Party Rally in Patterson Park. There is no estimate of the number of participants, but local police are anticipating a possible confrontation between the two groups.

July 16

In this day of "unnegotiable demands," "blackmail," and outrageous pressuring, another example surfaced recently. How seriously the leaflet's distributor expects to be taken is difficult to assess, but it is doubtful that Nevada gambling interests

will panic. The leaflet, captioned "Ultimatum to the County Commissioners and Resort Industry," set forth a demand that forty million dollars be spent in West Las Vegas to develop clubs and gambling casinos to be staffed and operated by Negroes. The leaflet concluded by stating that if the demands are not met, 4 July 1969, will be the last big revenue holiday for the years 1969 and 1970. The leaflet bore the closing statement: "The Black Prophet has spoken; The Black Prophet will act after July 10, 1969."

July 18-21

*The Black Panther Party and the International Liberation School will hold a United Front Against Fascism (UFAF) in Oakland on the above dates. The stated objectives of UFAF include: Community control of police; the removal of the military from college campuses; and freedom for "Political Prisoners." The Panthers are expecting 5,000 people and in calling the conference the Panther leadership has stressed the need for "a front which has a common revolutionary ideology and a political program which answers the basic desires and needs of all people in fascist, capitalist, racist America." Some Communist Party (CPUSA) functionaries are expected to attend.

July 30

Tokyo - The Japan Council against Atomic and Hydrogen Bombs (Genisuikyo) recently announced five points on which the 15th World Conference against atomic and hydrogen bombs will concentrate.

The five items listed are:

1. Opposition to the U. S. aggressive war in Vietnam. Realization of complete victory of the Vietnamese people. Strengthening of further aid to the Vietnamese people. Opposition to war provocation against Korea.
2. Prevention of nuclear warfare. Complete prohibition of nuclear weapons. For the immediate future, conclusion of a treaty to prohibit the use of nuclear weapons.
3. Abolition of the nuclearized Japan-U. S. military alliance - "nuclearized security treaty system." Abrogation of the Security Treaty. Immediate, unconditional and complete reversion of Okinawa. Withdrawal of military bases. Prohibition of the bringing in of nuclear weapons. Opposition to Japanese nuclear

armaments and revival of militarism.

4. Together with bomb victims, strengthen the relief campaign for bomb victims aiming for complete prohibition of nuclear weapons. Enactment of law to assist the victims of the bombs.

5. Strengthening of the struggle for international solidarity and mutual assistance.

August 17-19

At a recent meeting of the San Diego, California, branch of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP), it was announced that a peace march will be held during the period August 17-19 at either the summer White House, San Clemente, California, or in the vicinity of the Newport Beach Hotel, Newport Beach, California. During a conference held by the Peace Action Council, Los Angeles, California, on 13 June and 14, it was decided that all groups affiliated with the Peace Action Council will work to build a massive demonstration to be held on August 17 at San Clemente adjacent to the summer residence of the President. Irving Sarnoff, the leader of the Council, called for "A summer vacation the President will never forget."

August 17

*A National anti-war conference was held at Cleveland, Ohio, 4 and 5 July. Eight hundred individuals participated in the conference, including numerous members of the Socialist Workers Party (SWP). Sidney Peck, a former member of the Communist Party (CP) who is cochairman of the National Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam (NMC), stated that the objective of the conference was to unite the Peace Movement. Mark Rudd, National Secretary of Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), called for opposition to imperialism which he contended included opposition to capitalism. David Dellinger, co-chairman of the NMC, was cheered when he appealed for more militancy in the Peace Movement. Dellinger also stated that civil disobedience could not be ruled out as a method of protest. The conference decided to participate in a demonstration at Chicago, Illinois, on 29 September to protest the trial of individuals indicted for their activities during the Democratic National Convention; to hold a massive anti-war demonstration at the White House on 15 November; and to participate in a demonstration against President Nixon at San Clemente, California, on 17 August.

- A confidential source has advised that Bobby Seale, Chairman of the extremist Black Panther Party, is being sought as one of the speakers for the demonstration on 17 August.
- August 1969** University of Texas at El Paso - 22nd Annual National Student Congress (tentative).
- August 29-31** Los Angeles, California - On 13 June, Leroy Jones, the poet and playwright, and other black leaders announced in Newark, New Jersey, that the Fourth National Black Power Conference will be held in Los Angeles. The theme of the Conference will be "1969 Reconstruction."
- September 16** Southwest, United States - Mexican-American and other Spanish-speaking youths intend to shut down the schools of the Southwest on 16 September in a demonstration of solidarity and protest on the anniversary date of the Mexican revolution. According to Rudolpho Corky Gonzales, leader of the Crusade for Justice, it will be a demonstration "to change the whole educational system to relate to our needs."
- September 24** Chicago, Illinois - Trial has been set for 24 September for the eight protest leaders indicted on charges of conspiracy to incite a riot in connection with the disorders at the Democratic National Convention last fall. All eight pleaded "not guilty" in Federal District Court on 9 April. Each defendant also faces charges of crossing state lines to foment disorder or to otherwise violate the Civil Rights Act of 1968. Rennie Davis, Bobby Seale, John R. Froines, and Lee Weiner had their travel restrictions eased but are required to keep the Court fully informed of their movements.
- September 26-28** The SDS (Mark Rudd faction) plans massive demonstrations at Chicago on the above dates. The demonstrations are apparently to coincide with the trial of eight persons who allegedly conspired to bring violence to Chicago during last year's Democratic National Convention. Move details will be reported as they become known.
- September 29** Refer to information under the date 17 August regarding decisions of the Cleveland Anti-War Conference.
- Fall 1969** *The new SDS Vietnam action program calls for major anti-war demonstrations in the fall - time and precise action to be

determined. The demonstrations, intended to build a broad anti-imperialist consciousness, mark SDS's reentry into the struggle against the Vietnam War on a national level.

October 6

Bel Air, Maryland - The trial of H. Rap Brown, militant black former head of SNCC, charged with inciting a riot and arson in a Cambridge racial disturbance two years ago, has been set for October 6 in Harford County Circuit Court. This is the second time it has been scheduled since the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Virginia, rejected Brown's request that he be tried in Cambridge, Maryland, which was the scene of a violent disturbance in July 1967 after Brown spoke at a street rally of Negroes.

October 15

The Vietnam Moratorium Committee, headed by former Harvard divinity student Sam Brown, a former New Hampshire congressman for Senator Eugene McCarthy will attempt to "shut down" all normal University activities for the day of October 15 in protest against continued American participation in the Vietnam War. Mr. Brown also hopes that his organization will in coming months work with other forces organized against military training, anti-ballistic missile systems and racism. Not only is the Vietnam Moratorium Committee plugging for an end to Vietnam indefinitely. Mr. Brown states that his organization which is planning a mammoth campaign will greatly appreciate assistance from anyone including SDS. The office address of the Vietnam Moratorium Committee is 1029 Vermont Avenue, N. W., (a favorite for radical groups in the D. C. area).

November 15

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